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- C3 Derwent Database, (Abstract no. XP002250540) English language abstract of JP 2002 300896 (document B3 above).

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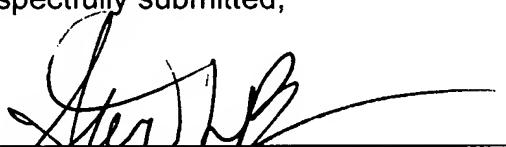
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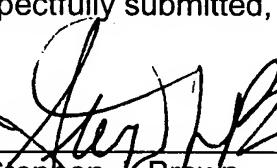
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